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In re application of: Dutt et al.

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Application No.: 10/609,442

Examiner: NGUYEN, CHAU T

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Title: Fibre channel switch that enables end devices  
in different fabrics to communicate with one another  
while retaining their unique fibre channel  
domain ids

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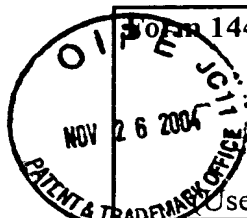
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